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## NEWS RELEASE

### PROPERTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED

Placer County Treasurer-Tax Collector Jenine Windeshausen announced that the property tax bills for the 2002-2003 fiscal year have been mailed.

Windeshausen indicated that there are 129,937 tax bills for taxes and voter approved special assessments and charges totaling \$383.15 million.

Windeshausen noted that the automated phone system is available 24 hours a day to assist taxpayers. Customer Service Clerk's are also available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for personal assistance.

This year, the voluntary contribution insert will include a new trust fund, the Trust Fund for Animals. Last year's contributions totaled over \$16,700, with \$6,027 going to the Open Space and Agricultural Preservation Trust Fund, \$6,195 going to the Children's Trust Fund, and \$4,500 going to the Library Trust Fund.

The first installment of taxes must be paid by Tuesday, December 10, 2002 to avoid penalties. The second installment must be paid by Thursday, April 10, 2003 to avoid penalties. Pursuant to State law, payments not made by these delinquent dates will be charged a ten-percent penalty as well as a \$10 cost for the second installment. Payments remaining unpaid after July 1<sup>st</sup> accrue additional penalties at the rate of one and a half percent per month, or eighteen percent annually.

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